GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer, formerly Vinukonda (W) Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division and others - Findings received – Imposing a penalty of 15% cut in pension on permanent basis, besides recovery of Rs.1,01,455/- from the pensionary benefits of the charged officer - Show-cause-notice issued – Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.66 Dated: 13-07-2016.
Read the following:

1) From the D.G. & Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary to Govt., G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.141,dt:12-9-2005.
2) Govt.Memo.No.8426/For.IV/2005-1, dt:16-11-2005.
3) From the PCCF Rc.No.53458/2005/PXA1, dt:16-2-2006 & 24-6-2006.
4) G.O.Ms.No.121, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:20-10-2007.
5) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3, dt:26-4-2009 & 17-2-2011
6) Govt.Memo.No.8426/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:15-12-2012.
7) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3, dt:12-4-2013.
8) Govt. Memo No:8426/For.IV/A1/2005-6, Dt:17-01-2014.
9) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3(iii), dt:28-05-2014.
10) Govt. Letter No.8426/For.IV/A1/2005, Dated:23.09.2015.
11) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.66/DC&C/2/2016, dt.03.02.2016.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, V&E Department, while furnishing the detailed report on the works taken up under Neeru Meeru Programmed by the Forest Department in Vinukonda Range in Guntur Division has recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the forest subordinates for the irregularities committed by them.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad in the reference 5th read above, has informed that, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer, formerly Vinukonda (W) Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division and others and an Article of Charge was issued under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1991 vide CF, Guntur Rc.No. 937/2006/M3, dt. 25-05-2006 on the following count:

> "Gross neglect of duty in booking of excess expenditure to a tune of Rs.1,01,455/- on inadmissible items while execution of Soil and Moisture conservation works during the year 2002-03 and 2003-04"

3. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation on 14-05-2007 to the Article of Charge. Not satisfying with the explanation of the charged officer, the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur and the Forest Range Officer, Vinukonda were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively to inquire into the charges framed against the charged along with others.

4. After conducting the inquiry, the Inquiry Officer (Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur) who has conducted the inquiry has concluded that, the Charged Officer Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer, was responsible in resulting expenditure to a tune of Rs.1,01,455/- on in admissible items, and the charge is proved against him. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the charged officer and obtained further defense statement.

5. Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer, formerly Vinukonda (W) Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-7-2006. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 (2) of APRP Rules, 1980.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl.CCF and material made available, provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 15% cut in pension permanently, besides recovery of the excess expenditure of Rs.1,01,455/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer, formerly Vinukonda (W) Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division, under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the Charged Officer vide reference 8th read above, and the Prl.CCF, vide reference 9th read above, has informed that the Charged officer has not put forth any new points in his further defense statement dt:11.03.2014.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 15% cut in pension permanently, besides recovery of the excess expenditure of Rs.1,01,455/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer, formerly Vinukonda (W) Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division, under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

P.V.RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.66/DC&C/2/2016, dt.03.02.2016).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER